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SUBJECT: MARCH 4 COUNCIL ACTION ON MANDATE OF
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1. DRAFT MANDATE WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN IN COUNCIL MARCH 18.
NEW TEXT BASED UPON COMMENTS IN COUNCIL C(75)17 ANNEX
(2ND REVISION) OF 7 MARCH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

"DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING THE MANDATE
OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:
THE COUNCIL,

HAVING REGARD TO ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CONVENTION
ON THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF 14TH DECEMBER, 1960;

HAVING REGARD TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF
22ND JULY, 1970, TERMINATING THE MANDATE OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH CO-OPERATION AND ESTABLISHING AN
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (C(70)135);

HAVING REGARD TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF
15TH OCTOBER, 1974, ON THE PROLONGATION OF THE MANDATE
OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS
AS FROM 22ND JULY, 1975 (C(74)165(FINAL));

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HAVING REGARD TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE

ORGANISATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE ANNEX THERETO;

HAVING REGARD TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON 13TH AND 14TH NOVEMBER, 1974 (ENV/M(74)4) AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (C/M(74)26(FINAL), ANNEX);

RECOGNISING THAT INCREASING POPULATION, INDUSTRIALISATION AND URBANISATION PLACE GROWING PRESSURES ON THE LIMITED ASSIMILATIVE CAPACITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ON THE FINITE STOCK OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

CONSCIOUS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH MEMBER COUNTRIES SHARE TO SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, BOTH NATIONALLY AND IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND CONFIDENT THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS IS WITHIN THEIR REACH;

MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO PROMOTE AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES AN OVERALL CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND NOT ONLY THE QUANTITY OF GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED;

DECIDES:

1. THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:
 - (A) EXAMINING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS COMMON PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE PROTECTION AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATURAL AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO THEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT FACTORS, IN PARTICULAR ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS;
 - (B) REVIEWING AND CONSULTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN OR PROPOSED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE ENVIRONMENT FIELD AND ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THESE ACTIONS;
 - (C) PROVIDING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WITH POLICY OPTIONS OR GUIDELINES TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE CONFLICTS THAT COULD ARISE BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE USE OF SHARED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OR AS THE RESULT OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES; THE COMMITTEE MAY ORGANISE AS APPROPRIATE, AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, CONSULTATIONS TO THAT EFFECT;
 - (D) ENCOURAGING WHEREVER APPROPRIATE, THE HARMONISATION
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TION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES.

2. THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMITTEES CONCERNED AND AVOID, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, DUPLICATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

3. PARAGRAPH 15 OF THE ANNEX TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

'15. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE
ARE DEFINED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL C(75)17
(FINAL).'

4. THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF 22ND JULY, 1970,
REFERRED TO ABOVE, IS HEREBY REPEALED."

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